

18. (RECORDING OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF STATE LANDS COMMISSION - GEN. DATA-ADMIN.)

The Chairman reported that he and Mr. Kirkwood had been discussing the desirability of having the proceedings of all future meetings of the State Lands Commission recorded, by tape recorder, stenographic reporter, or otherwise, indicating that he would prefer using a court reporter who would be able to record names of people testifying a little more accurately than would be possible with a tape recorder. The staff was requested to investigate the relative costs of the various methods of recording the minutes, keeping in mind that it might be possible if a tape recorder were used to keep down the costs by borrowing rather than purchasing equipment.

On being asked for his comments, Chief Deputy Attorney General William V. O'Connor expressed his surprise on learning that a Commission as important as the State Lands Commission was operating without a reporter, and indicated that it was now possible for court reporters to cut stencils directly from their notes, thereby reducing the cost of producing extra copies of the transcripts.

The Chairman asked if the Commission's budget was such that it would be possible to hire a court reporter for its next meeting, and was assured by the staff that sufficient funds were available.

Mr. Paul K. Home of the Standard Oil Company of California was asked for his opinion, and he stated that for some time it had been his thought that it would be advantageous to have a transcript of the proceedings of the State Lands Commission, and indicated that such a transcript would be helpful to industry as well as to the Commission. He felt, speaking unofficially, that the Western Oil and Gas Association would want copies of the transcripts, and would be willing to defray part of the cost of furnishing them to that association.